

BY THE NIGHT SOUTHERN RAIL. Thirtieth Congress.

SENATE. (WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1847.) The Vice President presided. Prayer by Rev. M. A. McKim. The following additional Senators appeared in person: Messrs. Davis and Miller of Ohio; Mr. Pratt of Md.; Mr. Nixon of Conn.; and Mr. McKim of N. H.

The Message was received at precisely five minutes past 12. The reading was commenced immediately, and continued for about ten minutes. Mr. Aiken moved that 5,000 copies of the Message and 2,000 copies of the Message and accompanying documents be printed, in addition to the usual number (15,000) for the use of the Senate.

Mr. McKim suggested a modification of the motion, which was adopted by Mr. Aiken, who moved that 10,000 copies of the Message and documents in addition to the usual number, be ordered to be printed. The motion was adopted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Several members not present yesterday, appeared today. Mr. McKim gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to encourage speculation in Public Lands, and to secure homes thereon to actual settlers and cultivators.

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